

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, the Title has been amended in the manner corresponding to the amendment made in the January 9, 2003 parent application to respond to the objection to the Title set forth in the August 9, 2002 Office Action. Also, the specification has been amended to provide the required continuing data as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.72. In addition, claims 3-13 and 20-28 have been cancelled to leave claims 1, 2, 14-19 and 29-33 for examination. Accordingly, examination of these claims in this Continuation application is respectfully requested.

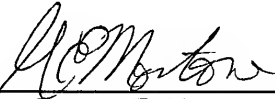
With regard to the patentability of these claims over the prior art rejections set forth in the August 9, 2002 Office Action in the parent case, Applicants have requested an interview with the Examiner prior to a first Office Action in this application to discuss this issue. Applicants and the undersigned attorney greatly appreciate the Examiner's cooperation in contacting the undersigned attorney prior to the first Office Action so that the distinctions of the submitted claims over the cited prior art can be discussed at that time.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendments and examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

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